

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION
TO THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE TO OBTAIN A PERMIT FOR THE
INCIDENTAL TAKE OF ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES PURSUANT TO
SECTION 10 OF THE FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, RELATING TO
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DESERT RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) have worked together to develop the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) to conserve species and habitats on a landscape-scale while accelerating the permitting of renewable energy projects and related transmission.

WHEREAS, the Energy Commission seeks to submit an application to the USFWS for an incidental take permit under Section 10 of the Federal Endangered Species Act.

WHEREAS, the public draft DRECP and Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) – required under the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act – will provide the technical biological information and biological analysis to support the incidental take permit application.

WHEREAS, the proposed action is limited to directing the submittal of the application so that it may be published with the DRECP and EIR/EIS, and does not involve any consideration or approval of the DRECP or the EIR/EIS, or any portion thereof, at this time.

WHEREAS, the completed permit application would be included with the public draft of the DRECP and joint EIR/EIS which is scheduled to be released for public review and comment by the end of summer, 2014.

NOW THEREFORE, the Energy Commission directs the Executive Director to submit the incidental take permit application to the USFWS to support the continued development and finalization of the DRECP.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretary to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on August 27, 2014.

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NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

HARRIET KALLEMEYN, Secretariat